



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Adult Day Care & Adult Day Health Centers (Group E, Division 3)		
Code Section(s)	§305, California Building Code (2001 ed)		
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Are non-ambulatory clients permitted in Adult Day Care facilities classified as an E-3 and, if not, what section of the CBC prohibits the non-ambulatory person?

Adult Day Care and Adult Day Health Centers are licensed by the Department of Social Services to provide less than 24-hour client care. A client's ambulatory status does not restrict placement in these facilities and is of no relevance in Adult Day Care and Adult Day Health Centers (Group E, Division 3 occupancies). As the code is silent regarding the ambulatory status of the occupants, proper code application dictates that a specific act is permitted unless otherwise prohibited by law or regulation. A similarity can be made to the Group E, Division 1 occupancy (school) where ambulatory status does not affect the occupancy classification as well as the ultimate fire protection elements incorporated in the California Building Code.